

2. IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph in the Specification on page 1 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/358,839 entitled “CONTAINER TRIMMING APPARATUS” filed on February 5, 2003, for inventor Thomas C. Dickey, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/354,562 filed on February 5, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 14 on page 6 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

Another feature of the invention is that the gear housing of the trimmer apparatus is sealed with sealing mechanisms, with o-rings being the preferred embodiment of sealing mechanism. The sealed housing prevents contamination, such as metal shavings and body coolant, from entering or building up inside the housing, which may lead to malfunction of the trimmer apparatus and hinder the rotation and movement the of the shafts on the interior of the housing. Reduction of contaminants reduces the amount of downtime needed to clean and repair the trimmer apparatus. Additionally, the sealed housing maintains an adequate lubrication for the moving parts contained therein. Although it is preferred that the housing of the trimmer apparatus be sealed, an unsealed housing may be used according to the invention.